

# Branch 187 collecting stickers to redeem for kitchen knives

The Colborne Legion's mid-month February dinner will be held Friday, Feb. 15, serving from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The menu includes pork loin chops, soup, your choice of mashed potatoes and/or rice, pepper medley, winter coleslaw, pickled beets, chocolate dessert, tea and coffee for just \$10 per person. Home-cooked with love (as always)!

We want to be the sharpest knives in the drawer! Foodland has a promotion on: for every \$10 spent, you receive a sticker. Collect stickers and redeem them for assorted sizes of professional kitchen knives. Well, the Colborne Legion would greatly appreciate your donation of those stickers to replenish and/or augment our food prep knives. Please leave the stickers

with the bar steward in the club-room or bring them to out twice-monthly dinners and turn them in at the door. The offer runs through to April 25. We thank everyone in advance for your very welcome donation of the promo stickers!

The next monthly eight-ball pool tournament will take place Sunday, Feb. 24 at the Colborne Legion.

There are cash prizes to be won for first-, second- and third-place finalists.

Sign in at 11:30 a.m. for the random pairing of partners. Registration is \$7 per person. A lunch is available for \$3.

Play begins at 12 noon on the two pool tables in the club room.

For more information or to pre-register, call the Legion and register with the bar steward

(905-355-5479) or e-mail Bill Lutton at bill@creditsupportservices.ca

Gift yourself and the Colborne Legion! It can be done by taking a new approach to your everyday purchases. Buy pre-paid gift cards for a whole host of name retailers. They never expire and you get the full value for the amount you buy. The retailer, in turn, pays a percentage (from 2% to 10%) of the value to the Legion. The orders for the gift cards go in monthly. Next deadline date for ordering is 5 p.m. March 2. Among the many retailers included are Canadian Tire (including gas), No Frills (including gas), Your Independent Grocer, Metro, Ultramar, Staples, Winners, Giant Tiger and so on. Drop by the Colborne Legion for an order form. Make a cheque out

to RCL Branch 187. Or, go online at www.fundscrip.com

We're experimenting with making monthly membership meetings more accessible for attendance. To that end, this month's monthly membership meeting will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17. Mark your calendars: 1 p.m. the third Sunday of every month! Be there to have your say!

The 48th biennial convention of Ontario Provincial Command will be hosted by Zone G1 in Kingston May 10 to 15. Delegates will be traveling from across the province to attend, so all Legions en route should

expect some drop-ins as people take the opportunity to visit other Legion branches. In Colborne, we pride ourselves on being friendly and welcoming: come on in!

It's Frugal Friday every Friday in our clubroom. Regular beer and liquor becomes \$3 each after 4 p.m. until closing at 10 p.m. End the week on a frugal note with friends new and old. Arrive an hour early for one of our twice-monthly dinners and enjoy the savings!

There's free high-speed Internet connection service at the Colborne Legion! Drop by with your laptop, smart phone and/or tablet and connect.

There's no charge! Just ask the bar steward for the password. Our club room is open seven days a week at 1 p.m. We have two pool tables, a large-screen TV, great juke box, dart boards. Everyone is welcome!

Get to the meat (draws) of the matter every Saturday afternoon in the clubroom. Win up to three pieces of meat at 3 p.m., three pieces at 4 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. for just \$2 each hour (and five tickets per draw). You don't have to be a member to drop in!

Remember: you are only a stranger once at Colborne Legion Branch 187!

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## CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP

NORTHUMBERLAND TODAY Feb. 21/13

# Speed limits set on Purdy Road

BOB OWEN  
For QMI Agency

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - A dearth of speed limit signs along Purdy Road in Cramahe Township and questions about the stop sign at the corner of Purdy and Little Lake Road resulted in an engineer's report which was reviewed at Cramahe Council's Feb. 12 meeting.

The report by D.M. Wills recommended that the speed limit on Purdy Road starting at Big Apple Drive, be 50 km-h until the road is 500 metres east of Parliament Street, where it would increase to 80 km-h. It would remain 80 km-h until the road crosses Little Lake Road, where it would change back to 50. East of Lake Road and Trent Valley Road the speed would increase to 80.

Given the lack of sightlines for eastbound drivers, Wills recommended that the stop

sign on the corner of Purdy and Little Lake Road remain.

Council seemed torn by the recommendations. Deputy Mayor Jim Williams felt that the 80 km-h speed limit would be a problem for farm vehicles entering and exiting the hilly road.

Councillor Ed VanEgmond questioned the deputy mayor's suggestion, saying that, using that logic, a lower speed limit would be required on many of the township's gravel roads.

Mayor Marc Coombs had some doubts about keeping the stop sign at Little Lake Road. He noted that there is a similar situation on Telephone Road where no stop sign exists.

In the end the engineer's report was accepted unanimously. Township planning and bylaw co-ordinator Alison Torrie Lapaire will draft a bylaw to enact council's decision.

## CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP: Family wants to open studio

# Castleton Mill conversion stalls

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CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - When the Cox family arrived in Cramahe Township it had no idea what lay ahead. The family is heavily into the arts and hoped to convert the Castleton Mill into a studio rehearsal space.

But since they moved to the township they have faced unanticipated problems. A contractor recommended to them did not fulfil their requirements and was released.

Then they discovered that the mill is 10 inches from the north property line. The neighbour to the north is erecting a fence on the line which would render access to the main floor of the mill impossible.

Candace and Mitchell Cox were at Cramahe Council on Feb. 12 hoping the township could help them with their problems. They have sunk \$120,000 into the mill and can't proceed without a remedy to the property line problem. The mill wasn't always that close to the neigh-



Ed Van Egmond

bour's property. Until recently they were separated by a road allowance. But the township closed it and offered it for sale. Only the neighbour to the north was interested and purchased it for \$1,600.

Candace Cox explored several lines of inquiry in her presentation to council. She wondered about regulations restricting fences so close to the adjacent building; she

questioned the decision made by council to sell the allowance, given the proximity to the mill; and he asked if buildings were allowed to be so close to a property line.

She got little more than sympathy and an offer to expediate a solution.

Planning and bylaw co-ordinator Alison Torrie Lapaire explained that fences are not covered under the bylaw governing structures.

Councillor Ed Van Egmond admitted council did not have a complete map of the adjacent properties when it made the decision to sell. He acknowledged he would not have supported a sale if he had known the entire situation.

Chief building official Natalie Moroz-Cornell advised that the building bylaws only covered the location of new buildings, not those already in existence.

Mayor Marc Coombs offered to have the township write a letter to the neighbour to the north in an attempt to persuade him to sell the Coxes a few feet of property so they can have complete access to their building.

## CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP

# Barnes Bridge to be replaced

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For QMI Agency

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - Director of operations Dan O'Brien had good news for Cramahe Township Council on Feb.



Coombs

12. He, Mayor Marc Coombs and chief administrative officer Christie Alexander had met with officials for CN Rail and received a promise that a new bridge over

Barnes Road will be in the company's 2014 budget.

In the interim the company will have engineers look at the existing bridge which has been closed since Aug. 31, 2012, in the hopes that it can be reinforced to allow some traffic over it. If the company can find a way to reinforce the current bridge, there may be some financial assistance to the township for the upgrade. The proposed bridge would be two lanes and would take four to six weeks to assemble. Much of the structure will be pre-fabricated, then assembled on site.